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Senate

The Senate met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the PRESIDENT pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

Gracious God, we begin this day with three liberating convictions: You are on our side, You are by our side, and You are the source of strength inside. Help us to regain the confidence that comes from knowing that You are for us and not against us.

We continue to remain awed by the knowledge that You have created us to know and love You and have called us to serve You wherever You lead us. You have programmed us for greatness by Your power, so help us to place our trust in You and live fully for You.

We thank You that You are with us, seeking to help us know and do Your will. Guide us today in all that we face. We invite You to take up residence in our minds so that we may see things from Your perspective. And grant us the courage to give You our all. May Your justice, righteousness, integrity, honesty, and truth be the identifiable qualities of our character.

Lord, we commit all that we have and are to glorifying You with all that we do today. In the name of our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The able acting majority leader is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, for the information of all Senators, the Senate will be in a period of morning business until 10:30 a.m. today. Following morning business, the Senate will resume consideration of S. 903, the State Department reauthorization bill. By pre-

vious consent, there will be two stacked rollcall votes beginning at 12 noon. The first vote will be on the DeWine amendment dealing with Haiti, followed by a vote on the Lugar amendment regarding U.N. funding. Also by consent, following the stacked votes, the Senate will recess until 2:15 p.m. for the weekly policy luncheons.

When the Senate reconvenes at 2:15 p.m., the Senate will resume the State Department authorization bill and hopefully complete action on the bill at a reasonable hour this evening.

In addition, this week the Senate may begin consideration of the defense authorization bill following disposition of S. 903. I thank my colleagues for their attention.

Mr. LEAHY addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The distinguished Senator from Vermont is recognized.

COMPLIMENTING THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I might note for my colleagues, the distinguished President pro tempore, the senior Senator from South Carolina, has set a remarkable example. In my 23 years here in the Senate, I think I have seen him as President pro tempore opening the Senate more times than I have seen anybody else. I note that this happens whether we have been in session half the night and coming in early in the morning, or whenever it is. I compliment my good friend from South Carolina. I am glad, however, to see that he does not carry the baseball bat here that was presented to him by the distinguished senior Senator from Utah and myself at the Judiciary Committee meeting last week.

Mr. President, what is the parliamentary situation?

MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. ENZI). We are under a period of morn-

ing business until the hour of 10:30 a.m. Then we will be considering S. 903.

Before the Senator begins, the time for morning business is divided and under the control of the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. HAGEL] and the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY].

The Senator from Vermont is recognized.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Lesley Carson, a fellow with the Foreign Ops Subcommittee, be given privileges of the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

BANNING ANTIPERSONNEL LANDMINES

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I will speak very briefly because I see the distinguished Senator from Nebraska [Mr. HAGEL], on the floor. But I will reserve such time as I may need.

Mr. President, the Leahy-Hagel bill on antipersonnel landmines is the result of years of work. I commend the Senator from Nebraska for his efforts in this. We have talked about the need to have a ban on these weapons, a need that is felt throughout the world, both by countries that have used landmines, such as ours, and also by countries that have been devastated by what has become a plague of landmines. As I have said on the floor many times, this human disaster was described to me by a Cambodian I had in my office on a snowy winter afternoon at Christmas-time in Vermont—one of the most beautiful times of year in our State—and it became far less beautiful as he said, “We clear our landmines in Cambodia an arm and a leg at a time.”

Fifty-seven Senators—Democrats, Republicans, conservatives, men and women alike—joined together last Thursday to introduce legislation to

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